

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the "Cross-Reference to Related Applications" section starting at page 1, line 8 of the application as follows.

The following commonly-owned United States patent applications may be related to the subject patent application, and are hereby incorporated by reference in their entireties:

Application No. ~~XX/XXX,XXX~~ 09/340,477 entitled SYSTEM, DEVICE, AND METHOD FOR ADDRESS MANAGEMENT IN A DISTRIBUTED COMMUNICATION ENVIRONMENT, filed in the names of Sandeep P. Golikeri, Da-Hai Ding, Nicholas Ilyadis, Timothy Cunningham, and Manish Patel on June 30, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,597,700 ~~even date herewith (Attorney Docket No. 2204/126); and~~

Application No. ~~XX/XXX,XXX~~ 09/343,299 entitled ~~SYSTEM, DEVICE, AND METHOD FOR NETWORK MANAGEMENT IN A DISTRIBUTED COMMUNICATION ENVIRONMENT~~ A DECENTRALIZED MANAGEMENT ARCHITECTURE FOR A MODULAR COMMUNICATION SYSTEM, filed in the names of Da-Hai Ding, Luc Pariseau, and Brenda Thompson on June 30, 1999 ~~even date herewith (Attorney Docket No. 2204/148).~~